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## Memorandum

**TO:** PLANNING COMMISSION **FROM:** Stephen M. Haase

**SUBJECT:** VACATION OF A PORTION **DATE:** July 28, 2003

OF CRUCERO DRIVE

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7

## **BACKGROUND**

This is a request to vacate a portion of Crucero Drive. The request to vacate the cul-de-sac of the street implements a recommendation of the Santee Neighborhood Revitalization Plan to minimize traffic through the existing apartment complex. The Department of Public Works has determined that this area is no longer necessary for public street purposes. This street vacation is located in the Santee Neighborhood. The comprehensive *Santee Neighborhood Revitalization Plan* was adopted by the City Council in June 1996. An important component of the *Plan* is the Crucero Drive closure. The *Plan* supports closing off the parking lot entrance from the Crucero Drive cul-de-sac. The elimination of this point of public access to the apartment complex should minimize traffic through the complex from outside residents.

The Department of Public Works has no objections to the proposed vacation and recommends that it be approved. All concerned utility companies have been contacted and have no objections to the proposed vacation, provided that a public service easement is reserved. Accordingly, a public service easement will be reserved over the entire portion of the right-of-way proposed to be vacated.

This vacation is in conformance with the adopted San José 2020 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram.

## **CEQA**

This project was found to be Exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the project consists of the minor alteration of an existing public street resulting in no expansion of use.

## RECOMMENDATION

Planning Staff recommends approval of the vacation to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works.

Stephen M. Haase, AICP, Director Planning, Building and Code Enforcement